

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 571 - SB 1071

February 13, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any city or county to re-establish the elected office of school superintendent by referendum following the affirmative vote of the city or county governing body. Sets forth the requirements to be an elected superintendent. Requires contractual obligations to an existing appointed director of schools be fulfilled by the county or municipal governing body. Transfers all applicable powers and duties of the appointed director of schools to the elected superintendent in any city or county that has chosen to re-establish the office of elected superintendent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Cities and counties may elect to re-establish the office of school superintendent and buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, increasing local government expenditures. This one-time permissive increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000, and will depend on the time period remaining on the contract at the time of the buyout.
- Referenda to re-establish the office of elected school superintendent or to return to an appointed director of schools will be timed to coincide with a general election.
- The cost to add the election of the superintendent every four years after re-establishment of the office will depend upon how many local governments choose to elect their school superintendent.
- All additional election items will be added to the ballot during the normal printing process. Any increase in permissive local expenditures for the initial referendum re-establishing the office will be not significant.
- Any increase in permissive local government expenditures to make necessary changes in the administration of LEAs that will have an office of elected superintendent will be not significant.
- No increase in the BEP formula.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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